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Request for Reconsideration of Material

(Please return to the library/media center personnel)

Title Out of the Packet

Author Bill Konigsberg

Publisher Penguin Group

Request initiated by Cline Lyle Phone 417 372 3748

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City Wp State MO ZipCode 65775

Complainant represents ___ Self Son Organization

1. Did you read or review the entire book or material? ✓ Yes ___ No
 If not, specifically what parts did you read or view?

2. Have you been able to discuss this material with the teacher or librarian who ordered it or who used it? ✓ Yes ___ No

3. What do you understand to be the general purpose for using this work?
 - Provide support for curriculum? ___ Yes ✓ No
 - Provide learning experience for the reader in one kind of literature?
 ✓ ___ Yes ✓ No
 Other:

4. Did the general purpose for the use of the work, as described by the teacher or librarian, seem a suitable one to you? ___ Yes ✓ No

5. What do you think is the general purpose of the author in this book?
 To promote sexual excitement by depicting erotic behavior.
6. In what ways do you think a work of this nature is not suitable for the objective as described by the teacher or librarian? Students have plenty of good reading material to chose from, ponography should not be one of them.
7. Have you been able to learn what the students' response is to this material?
 ✓ Yes ___ No

8. What response did the students make?

 Felt awkward, uncomfortable, angry.

9. Have you been able to learn from your library what book reviewers or other students of literature have written about this work? ✓ Yes _____ No

10. Would you like the teacher or librarian to give you a written summary of what book reviewers and other students have written about this book or material?
_____ Yes ✓ No already have some.

11. Do you have negative reviews of this material? ✓ Yes _____ No

12. Where were they published? Exodus International / Pain of View

13. Would you be willing to provide the reviews you have collected?
✓ Yes _____ No

14. What would you like your library/school to do about this material?
✓ Do not assign/loan it to my child
✓ Return it to the staff selection committee/department for reevaluation
✓ Other(explain) Scold the MSTA Reading Circle for recommending the book and send it back.

15. In its place, what would you recommend that would convey a valuable picture and perspective of the subject treated? Leaving Homosexuality by Alan Chambers.

Signature [signature]

Date Nov 3. 09

From the current edition of *The Students' Right to Read,* National Council of Teachers of English, 1982

To whom it may concern,

Recently my son, a freshman at WPHS, called me over to the couch where he was reading, he said "Dad you may want to take a look at this book".Nathaniel told me that the book's cover of a foot ball player standing in the dusk caught his attention ,so he checked out the book at the school library. He said he hadn't taken the time to read the synopsis.

Now that Nathaniel was several pages into the book he told me he felt awkward and disgusted, and that he didn't feal comfortable reading anymore. The book is Out of The Pocket by Bill Konigsberg.

I have read the book and found it to be an insult to my sons integrity and his right to pure thinking. The book has a number of curse words, including the F and GD words,it contains strong sexual language and imagery, and it gives reference to several web sites and magazines that contain pornographic material.

Out of the pocket is a story of a young man who has perverted dreams and sexual fantasies .The book tells the "Big Lie"that he has no alternative but to live out of his lust. It also glorifies his erotic behavior through his position as quarter back. The overall acceptance of his decision to come "Out of the Pocket" and his immediate popularity depict the life style of sexual immorality as something to be desired , but nothing could be farther from the truth.

There are countless heart breaking testimonies from those who have lived in such lifestyles,the S.T.Ds, loneliness, the fear, guilt, rejections, and the unforgivingness. Who is Bill Koenigsberg trying to fool? There are also many heart warming stories of those who have come out, not out of the pocket,but out from that lifestyle, stories of healing , forgiveness, wholeness, and restoration.

The MSTA/Reading circle and all others involved in promoting this book should be ashamed of themselves.

Has the conscious of our educators been so seared that they have lost their moral standard?Give us some educators who will raise up the bar. Give us some leaders who care enough for Americas youth to help guard their hearts and minds from the flood of filth that has infiltrated our society .

Sincerely,

Mr. Cline Lyle